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## Highlights from History

- 1500's Three major Native American language families exist in what is now North Carolina: Algonquian, Iroquoian, and Siouan.
- 1524 Giovanni de Verrazzano explored the North Carolina coast.
- 1526 Spanish and Africans led by Lucas Vasquez de Avilon attempt to start a colony on the Roanoke River.
- 1540 Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto explored southwestern North Carolina in search of gold.
- 1584 Sir Walter Raleigh sends Amadas and Barlowe to explore North Carolina.
- 1585 English establish their first colony at Roanoke Island.
- 1587 Second group of colonists – The Lost Colony – arrive on Roanoke Island.
- 1663 King Charles II gave Carolina to the eight Lords Proprietors.
- 1705 Bath founded – first town in North Carolina.
- 1711 Tuscarora Indian War in North Carolina.
- 1729 North Carolina became a royal colony.
- 1770 Tryon Palace completed.
- 1774 Edenton Tea Party
- 1775 Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence
- 1776 Halifax Resolves, Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge
- 1781 Battle of Guilford Courthouse
- 1789 North Carolina becomes 12<sup>th</sup> state.
- 1795 Raleigh becomes state capital.
- 1795 First state university, the University of North Carolina, opened.
- 1799 Gold discovered in North Carolina – Reed Gold Mine.
- 1813 First Cotton Mill in North Carolina
- 1818 First steamboat in North Carolina
- 1828 Andrew Jackson became the 7<sup>th</sup> president of the United States; Dismal Swamp Canal completed.
- 1838 First operating live mine in the United States opened near Lexington; Cherokee Indians are forced west along the "Trail of Tears".
- 1840 First steam-powered locomotive completed in North Carolina; First public school opens in North Carolina.
- 1845 James K. Polk becomes the 11<sup>th</sup> president of the United States.
- 1865 Andrew Johnson becomes the 17<sup>th</sup> president of the United States.
- 1877 North Carolina organizes the Department of Agriculture.
- 1888 First furniture-making factory in High Point
- 1901 Governor Charles B. Aycock began campaign to improve public schools.
- 1903 Wright Brothers make first successful flight at Kitty Hawk.
- 1918 Fort Bragg established.
- 1921 State highway system begins.
- 1940 Great Smoky Mountains National Park dedicated
- 1943 Pembroke State College (now UNC-Pembroke) becomes nation's first public four year college for Native Americans.
- 1959 Research Triangle Park opened.